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RAJYA SABHA

**Committee to oversee implementation of
public-private partnership**

537. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level Committee has been set up to oversee effective and quick implementation of public-private partnerships in certain non-core areas of the Indian Railways;

(b) if so, whether the Committee met in October, 2006 and took final decision on participation of private sector in railway projects;

(c) whether his Ministry has decided to fund the dedicated freight corridor projects on its own and decided stop funding 268 unprofitable projects;

(d) if so, whether some of these projects are lying unfinished for over 20 years; and

(e) the details of unprofitable projects and money spent on those projects, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been decided to execute the Dedicated Corridor Freight Projects on Eastern and Western routes through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) initially with 100% equity contribution by Ministry of Railways and through a mix of equity, debt and Public-Private Partnership. There is no decision to stop funding of 268 projects.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A Statement is attached.

Statement

Details of on going projects more than 20 years old

| Sl. No. | Year of Inclusion in Budget | Railway | Project | Plan | Kilometres Completed | Kilometres Cost up to 2006-07 (In Crores) | Expenditure up to March 2006 (In Crores) | Outlay 2006-07 (In Crores) | |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|---|--|----------------------------|-------|
| 1. | 1972-73 | Eastern | Dum Dum-Tollyganj Design and construction of Rapid Transit System | Metropolitan Transport Project | 24.95 | 16.5 | 2624.6 | 2040.83 | 120 |
| 2. | 1974-75 | South Eastern | Howrah-Amta Nangal Dam-Talwara and Taking over siding of Mukerian Talwara | New Line | 73.7 | 43 | 154.3 | 81.89 | 2 |
| 3. | 1981-82 | Northern North-east | Eklakhi-Balughat and Gazol-Ltahir | New Line | 83.74 | 33 | 300 | 105.1 | 12.71 |
| 4. | 1984-85 | Frontier | | New Line | 113.1 | 87 | 282.74 | 214.46 | 2 |
| 5. | 1985-86 | North Central | Guna-Etawah | New Line | 344 | 308 | 432.46 | 376.06 | 25 |